mar Bagh, New Delhi, indicating their route number and frequency thereof;

(b) what are the reasons for not erecting the stands of Route Nos. 16 and 160 at the same spot to facilitate easy catching of buses by commuters bound for Shalimar Bagh ;

(c) the steps taken to bring the stands of Route Nos. 16 and 160 at one spot on Mandir Marg ; and

(d) the steps taken up to increase the frequency of Route No. 16 and to ensure its regular plying ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN); (a) besides one limited stop trip at 8·50 hours from AD Block, Shalimar Bagh for Palika Kendra, following buses are plying between Palika Kendra and Shalimar Bagh :—

Route No.	Destination	No. of buses	Frequency
16	Shalimar Bagh to Palika Kendra and vice-versa	4	30/60 mts.
160	Do.	10	13/26 mts.

(b) and (c) For the convenience of the commuters bound for Shalimar Bagh, the stands/stops at Route No. 16 and 160 have been provided at the same place including the one at Mandir Marg.

(d) The Services of Route No. 16 is adequately catering to the needs of travelling public. The change in frequency is, therefore presently not contemplated.

Post Office facilities to Villages in the country

2349. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the number of villages (State-wise) in the country and in how many villages post offices have been provided (State-wise).

(b) what are the number of village post-offices (state-wise) which are at a distance of more than 2 Kms. from the village stating the programme, if any, formulated by Government to provide postal facilities in these villages ; and

(c) what is the number of village Post Offices (State-wise) where telephone facilities have been provided stating the programme, if any, to provide such facilities in village where these are not available ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The information is furnished in the annexed Statement I (*see* below) :

(b) In rural areas the type of post office generally sanctioned is extra departmental branch post office. Invariably it is ensured that the person selected as branch Postmaster has a residence suitably located within the village to accommodate the post office. Therefore, the question of village post office being located at a distance of 2 Kms. or more from the village does not arise.

(c) the information is furnished in statement II.

Statement-I

Sl. No.	Postal Circles	No. of villages	No. of villages having Post Offices
1.	Andhra Pradesh	27379	14785
2	Assam	21995	2859
3.	Bihar	67546	10599
4.	Delhi	214	113
5.	Gujarat	18184	7742
6.	Haryana	6745	2176
7.	Himachal Pradesh	16807	2436
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	6477	1333
9.	Karnataka	27028	8289
10.	Kerala	1226	1401
11.	Madhya Pradesh	71352	9733
12.	*Maharashtra	39766	10501
13.	**North Eastern	12883	2125
14.	Orissa	46553	7173
15.	Punjab	12366	3294
16.	Rajasthan	34968	8939
17.	Tamil Nadu	16122	9912
18.	Uttar Pradesh	112566	16706
19.	***West Bengal	38955	7529
	TOTAL	579132	127645

* Mahirashtra Circle covers both Goa and Maharashtra.

** North Eistern Circle covers Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland & Manipur.

*** Includes Sikkim and Andaman & Nicobar Islands also.

Statement-II

Long Distance Public Telephones Working in Post Office

Sl. No.	Circle/State	Post Offices with LDPTs as on 31-3-89	Programme for 1990-91	Remarks
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2712	1800	
2.	Assam	402	350	
3.	Bihar	3178	900	
4.	Gujarat Dadra Nagar Daman & Diu.	695	900	
5.	Haryana	700	450	
6.	Himachal Pradesh	57	150	
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	245*	350	*As on 31-12-88
8.	Karnataka	1124	400	
9.	Kerala	102	200	
0.	Madhya Pradesh	2937	1400	
11	Maharashtra Goa	1819	1500	
12.	North-East			
	Arunachal Pradesh. Manipur Meghalaya Mizoram Nagaland & Tripura	*262	500	As on 31-12-88
13.	Orissa	*853	600	* As on 31 3-88
14.	Punjab	*211	850	* As on 30-9-88
15.	Rajsthan	1080	800	
16.	Tamil Nadu			
	PoPondicherry	7414	600	
17.	Uttar Pradesh	904	2500	
18	West Bengal A&N Islands Sikkim	904	750	
	TOTAL	20600	15000	

NOTE:— There is plan for opening 15000 Public Telephones in rural areas during the current year. These telephone facilities will be provided either in Post Offices or at other convenient places like private premises etc. as per the existing policy of the Government.